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The Association Purpose

There is sometimes a fear that the Y.M.C.A. has altered its fundamental character and purpose. This is definitely not correct. The Y.M.C.A. has followed a necessary process of development, and aims to serve the whole personality without losing its spiritual impetus. In these days many men fail to see Christ as a living personality because they fail to see Him in the workshop. The Association mission is to the whole man, and the outreach of Christian influence must be reflected upon all that a man is and does. At the same time it is not the duty of the Y.M.C.A. to usurp the function of the Church, but rather to supplement it. There are ministers in our city who definitely state that it is not the duty of the Y.M.C.A. to "teach religion," but rather to provide those activities not available in the ordinary church. Our basis of operation, however, calls for us to proclaim the Christian message and to definitely state and endeavour to relate all

its implications to the whole life of a young man. Life to-day has become so subdivided along the lines of economics, politics, science, art and religion including many new cults and faiths, that in the panacea which each offers, youth becomes confused, especially as he readily detects the failures of some of these. And so our message must be the Christian message, without those theological differences which have caused denominations to come into being, a message that proclaims that life in its wholeness can be transformed by God in Christ, and that Christ is available for the whole of life and not merely for that portion we call spiritual. Thus in the year 1937 we go back 72 years to the Paris basis which calls for the uniting of Christian men to extend the Kingdom of God among young men. Therefore the call goes out to earnest men to recognise in the Y.M.C.A. a centre for sacrificial service in the extension of all round Christian Manhood.

RESIDENTS' NOTES

8.29 a.m., and with repeated crashes and bangs the dining-room doors are flung to and fro as a large percentage of the residents make a stout bid to beat the matron to the door bolt at 8.30.

The day has begun and the lads bolt their breakfast and perambulate off to their respective jobs.

It is not till evening that activities begin for the residents; the first main activity being to make the grade up 90 odd steps to their respective bedrooms; so with slow mutterings about lifts and other means of vertical ascent, they make the grade and then slide down to tea.

After tea the roar begins. The billiard-room is the main digestive area, and through the haze of after-dinner smokes, one may catch a glimpse of Bill Bell trying to impress upon his opponents that he is a "tinny hound," although the familiar rattling sound with such animals never seems to be present;



MR. LINDSAY MAIR,
Chairman of the Residents' Committee.

Mr. Mair has been a resident of the Y.M.C.A. throughout his years of study as an architectural student.

Bill Lang explaining the intricacies of snooker to Mr. McKinney in one corner, and Les Duke just showing how it is done in another, to say nothing of Lin Mair balanced on one foot riding the ball into the pocket—a truly difficult feat.

But let us away from these feats of skill and see what the rest of the house is doing.

Up one flight and we are in the concert hall, where some of the lads are making vain endeavours to keep the wily "pill" on the table in a game of table tennis. Here again expressions of glee and misery alternate as the table deliberately shifts and the ball goes off or it stays still and the ball goes on. Another feat of skill to keep the table still!

Up and ever upwards we trudge, and as if from the bowels of the earth come strains of music—or is it? Is it Lin Mair—on his gazooker? Or is it Alf Dick on his flute? No, it is Andy on his pandemonium. No. May be we are all wrong. It is the plaintive strains of all playing together—a truly soul-stirring performance.

These are all individual efforts, so let us tell you about the tournaments held that embrace everybody.

The Residents' Committee arrange for inter-flat tournaments in snooker, billiards, table-tennis, and in the future it is rumoured that tournaments of draughts, hunt-the-slipper, and puss-in-the-corner, will entice Mr. Thornton to show his skill.

Picture parties have been held in the past and will be held in future at regular intervals—good pictures willing.

Last but by no means least comes the Residents' own half-hour devotion on Sunday morn. Residents garbed in old clothes, old beards, no collars and often just pyjama tops covered by a blazer, get together to listen to speakers who in a short and simple way give them, through their own experiences valuable keys to the travelling of life's journey.

Well, patient reader, I trust you have a further insight into the lives of the Residents, and that in the future, when our building has been renovated, you will see greater things done and our lounges the scene of many bright and cheery activities.

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At the first Board meeting following the appeal it was decided:—1. To set up a committee of interested citizens in order to explore the possibility of projecting the influence of the Y.M.C.A. into more distant suburbs. This committee will be asked to carefully survey the possibilities and prepare a report on what should be done. 2. A committee was set up to go into the question of the staffing of the Association and all matters connected with the more efficient conduct of the work. This committee is presenting a special report to the September Directors' meeting. 3. A committee was set up to endeavour to discover ways and means of remodelling sections of the building in order to make it more workable and attractive, and to see that every inch of space was being used to the best advantage. They have had a problem indeed, and have been forced to the conclusion that the Y.M.C.A. has already outgrown its building, with the result that it is only by careful manipulation that all the activities are fitted into the space available. 4. Arrangements were immediately made with the mortgagors to accept repayment of a substantial portion of the mortgage at an early date.

BIG BROTHER MOVEMENT

Hundreds and hundreds of boys who have appeared before the Children's Court have had the benefit of the friendship of "Big Brothers," and the opportunity for development to be derived from Y.M.C.A. membership. This work is still going on, but we are thankful to say that the numbers on our roll have never been smaller. The depression brought with it idleness among boys with the attendant mischief. The numbers "appearing" to-day are considerably less, and only a limited number of boys are being "placed under control."

RESIDENTS' SUNDAY SERVICE

The fortnightly Residents' Service has been well attended, and the messages delivered of an inspiring nature. Rev. Harry Johnston, of the Dock Street Mission, gave a talk on "Practical Christianity," and Rev. Douglas Spence, of Knox Church, Parnell, gave an attractive address on "Training," and showed the need for development in spiritual matters, as in the case of athletics. The cheery singing of well-known hymns added to the attractiveness of the gatherings.

BOOKS

We all have books. Some of us have books we could spare for the Y.M.D. Library. —We are not seeking "deep" literature as the public reference library is adjacent—Nor are we desirous of securing books that the average young man reader will leave on the shelves unread. We would, however, greatly appreciate any worth while books, in good condition, that can be spared from your home.

BOYS' HOSTEL PARTY

On September 2nd the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Henry, at Mt. Albert, was a scene of revelry. It was the occasion of the annual party to the matron and lads of the Boys' Hostel. Apart from the guests of honour, Directors and their wives were also invited, everyone thoroughly enjoying the excellent hospitality, games, competitions, etc., provided by Mrs. and Miss Edna Henry. The supper was a masterpiece, and your reporter was made aware of the fact that the ability to enjoy the good things of the table is not confined to secondary school boys. The evening concluded with remarks by Mr. Henry and Mr. C. J. Tunks, in which Mrs. Reston was heartily thanked for her able conduct of the work. C. J. V. Fogarty voiced the boys' appreciation. The evening closed with devotions conducted by Mr. H. B. Burnett.

CITIZENS' INTERCESSORY SERVICE.

Sponsored by the Ministers' Association a weekly gathering for prayer was commenced in a downtown hall some little time ago. More recently this has been removed to the Y.M.C.A., our association having been invited to co-operate, and to organise a business men's committee to act with the ministerial representatives; the arrangement is most happy. The gathering is held each Tuesday in two sessions, 12.20 to 1, and 1 to 1.30 p.m. The meeting is for both men and women.

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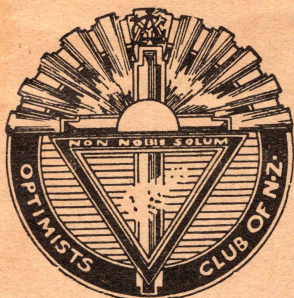
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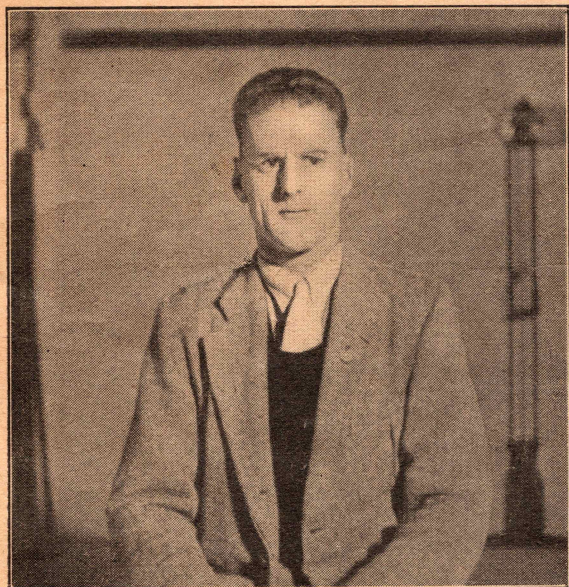
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OPTIMISTS CLUB

The club has taken on a fresh lease of life and has had some excellent attendances, partly due to the excellent fare served us by the Programme Committee.



MR. J. McCOMISH.

This photo was taken by Jim himself.— Mr. McComish is a Gymn. leader, Optimists' secretary, champion photographer, skier, etc., etc.

China and Japan was the subject of Mr. C. Patchett, a member of the China Inland Mission, who, with the aid of a map, gave us a clear conception as to what is taking place in China. The calibre of China's leaders was most interesting, especially as we heard of the outstanding Christian character of the Generalissimo, Marshall Chiang Kai-Shek and his wife; and of the "New Life Movement" which is interesting the younger generation.

Travel.—Mr. J. A. C. Allum gathered data from his mental scrap book, and took optimists on visits to England via both the Suez and Cape Town, and also

traversed the Pacific Ocean and the United States, in thought. The contrasts between ancient and modern travel were amazing, especially when comparing the times of the old wind-jammers en route for Australia, with modern air mails. Those who have not been abroad received a liberal education during the Half-hour, and those who had travelled had many happy memories revived.

Peace or War.—On August 26th, Mr. N. M. Richmond, B.A., propounded the proposition that war is not inevitable. He suggested that we ourselves by our attitude are an important part of the situation which results in peace or war. He stressed that war is a product of individual human behaviour. He suggested that human nature can be changed. He expressed the fear that money is often the background of conflict, and that surplus capital must be found a peaceful outlet. Having propounded remedies suggested by various types of thinkers, he came back to the need for individuals to develop the correct attitude of mind.

Life's Silent Revolutions.—On September 2nd, Mr. Ernest Aldridge was the speaker, his subject being "Life's Silent Revolutions."

His proposition was that side by side with political upheavals there was a silent revolution proceeding. The mantle of a glorious past had fallen on New Zealand. He was able to look back upon Auckland lit by gas lamps, with a lamplighter on a pony going the rounds and pulling a string which turned on the lights; he remembered the wharf when it was a wooden jetty; when all machinery was driven by steam; when Government was official and superior; when the English mail arrived every six weeks.

Life was then lived on the plane of an English village, "but," said the speaker, "times change and we change with them." Among other growths he had noted was a growth in mental habits, partly due to the uplift in education, and the cable services in our newspapers resulting in the whole world being our neighbour; over the years the chains of communication had been drawn tighter.

From the early days of simple amusement, the City of Auckland has 55 picture houses open nightly—and he felt sometimes the present generation failed to realise the privileges and responsibilities of life into which they have been born. We must sail on the ocean of life unless we prefer to drift.

Throughout the years inventors have made their contribution to the silent revolution. Though no longer with us, these thinkers had left behind those things they had created. But invention has not ceased, and great minds have yet to be born. He believed the greatest thing in life was the invaluable quality of the human mind. As we look back and contemplate man as a dweller in caves, clothed with skins, and realise that to-day the whole wide world has become a whispering gallery of human prowess, it becomes the duty of the present generation to quietly evolve along constructive, though possibly revolutionary, lines.

TABLE TENNIS

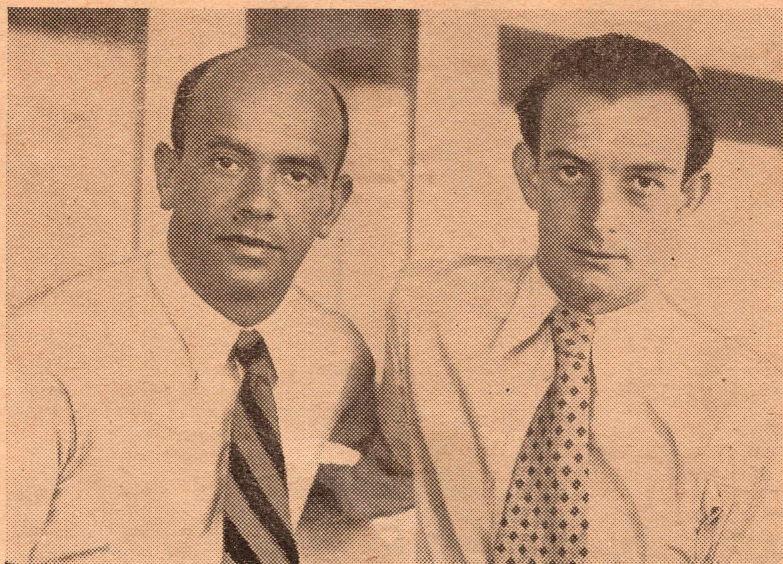


TABLE TENNIS STARS TO VISIT DOMINION

Miklos Szabados (left) and Stefan Kelen, Hungarian table tennis players, who will commence a tour of New Zealand next month. Both are outstanding exponents of the game and have figured in many world championships.

An outstanding performance in the recent North Island table tennis championship was Jim Swift's richly deserved victory in the final over K. Cantlay, New Zealand champion. Jim had to meet more first-class players than any other competitor in the event, and the fact that he overcame such redoubtable opponents as F. Paton, former New Zealand champion, E. Cheal, ex-Wellington champion, and J. Munns, present Auckland champion, makes his win more meritorious. The Y.M. T.T.C. extends its hearty congratulations to Jim and wishes him the best of luck when he goes to Wellington in quest of the New Zealand title.

Word has just arrived that Len Brooks, at present in Dunedin on holiday, entered for the South Island championship and was successful in the combined doubles event.

Congratulations, Len.

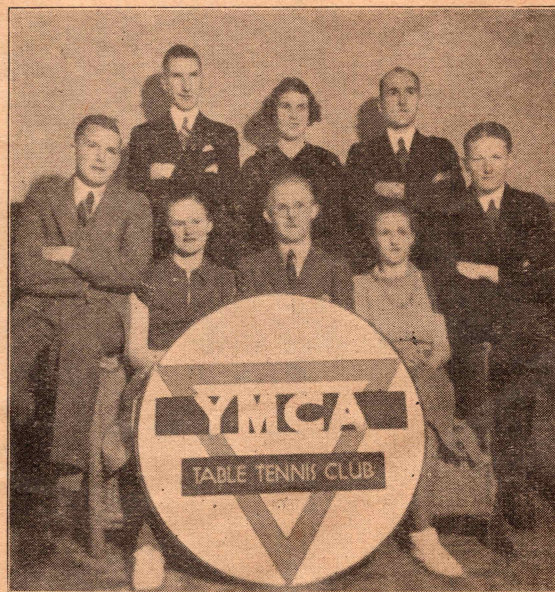
—"TEAM MATE."

Extract from the "Sunday Referee," March 7th, 1937.

H.M. THE KING AND TABLE TENNIS.

Immediately after lunch, six afternoons a week, the brisk tap-tap of a ping-pong ball is heard in the heart of Buckingham Palace.

Players are in a little room which is one of the three or four constituting the King's personal quarters—it is really a small annexe to his private sit-



EXECUTIVE OF Y.M.C.A. TABLE TENNIS CLUB.
Mr. Geo. Adair, Chairman, Mr. Bill Armstrong being the keen Hon. Secretary.

ting-rom.

And one of the players is the King, who has just taken up the pastime of table tennis again. He used to play years ago, and he is now becoming one of its keenest devotees.

He finds it a first-class, handy method of getting a daily half-hour or so of exercise.

His opponent is usually one of his personal secretaries or an equerry. Sets played are not pat-ball affairs, but fast, lively games.

The King has a quick, sure eye. He delights in getting the utmost out of each game. He does not always win, but most of the games are very near things.

He has perfected a special shot of his own, which, played with out-of-the-ordinary judgment and timing, is declared by those who have been his opponents to be unplayable.

BASKETBALL

The men's Basketball League has had a great season. Every Wednesday evening keenly contested games take place among various business house teams, Y.M.C.A. groups and athletic bodies. The outstanding team in the competition is the Mormon team. The next two in line are the Y.M.C.A. gymn. team and Y.M.D. Nomads.

Outstanding players in these teams are Fred Walker, Norm. Middleton, Geo. Potter, from the gymn. team, and Jim (table tennis) Swift, Howard Brown and Len Brookes from Nomads. Geo. Potter, apart from showing great promise at the game, is secretary to the League.

HOCKEY

Now in its fourth year the Y.H.C. continues to grow robustly. Although fielding only three teams this year as against four last season, the club is in a squander position as to players and finance. The senior team commenced the season with every prospect of a good showing, but owing to the unforeseen departure from Auckland of some of its foremost players, has suffered a serious setback, and is only now recovering the early combination.

The actions of Messrs. Bunter and Kiff in filling the vacancies is to be commended, when we realise that these gentlemen consider themselves as would-

like-to-retire players. The team is ably led by G. Surman, captain, and C. Beer, vice-captain.

Both on and off the field the team has earned the respect of other clubs and players, and even though beaten more often than not, they are tryers. The second grade has likewise been unfortunate in the loss of prominent players, but they also are now developing into a sound team.

I would recommend that the players pay more attention to the finer points of the rules as regards position on the field.

The team has the speed and stamina to carry it to victory, but just does not seem to get there often enough. Accidents, too, have marred players' efforts, and the club is indebted to those players who have carried on under serious handicaps.

Led by M. Chittenden, with L. Ritchie as his first lieutenant, I feel sure that the team is composed of the right players, and with proper care will better its position in the near future.

The fifth grade is composed of young lads from the boys' division, and each one of them deserves a pat on the back for the way they play and the keenness shown at all times.

It is these boys that the club will owe its future, and by the way the team is shaping they have a future of their own. Jim Wright is skipper, and he is in the right place.

Keep up the good work Jim.

Now in closing I would encourage all players to stick to their team and play harder than they have done before.

But, remember, "the game is not all in the score." The fact that you either win or lose does not determine the strength of your club. It is the way you conduct yourself and the spirit in which your team plays, that determines the success of the club. So "play the game."

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Hunua is governed by few rules—three in number, all essential to the safety and well-being of the Camp: No firearms, no swimming except under supervision, and no absence from the Camp without official permission.

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Among the attractions are: Swimming and splashing in safe stretch of river; overnight camps where boys have the experience of their lives, catching the large eels that linger near your line; trips to the Kauris, Waterfall Valley, Looking Glass Tree; Hunua Falls, Moumoukai Valley; all-day trips of exploration to unexplored spots—squatting round camp-fires—laughing, singing, yelling, and listening to yarns of mystery and adventure; cricket, volley ball, football, skittles, quoits, darts matches, mock trials, concerts, etc.; Sunday chats under the trees and sing-songs on hilltops.



HURRAH! A BULL'S EYE.

Camper's Outfit

Three rugs, sun hat, soap, towel, toothbrush; mug and two plates (enamel), knife, fork and dessert spoon; pyjamas, canvas shoes, spare singlet, pull-over or warm jersey, and small pillow. The following are not essential, but handy:—Torch, camera, musical instrument and football boots. Camera, cash and instrument may be left in Camp Office.

Bring no good clothes; have outfit in kit bag or sugar sack, and as little gear as possible, and each article MARKED with name or initials.



OFF TO EXPLORE

High-Grade Meals

Meal time is always welcome at Hunua, and rightly so. Camp activities create hearty appetites, and our Camp Chef knows how to prepare appetising meals. The food is planned by experts with regard to balanced diet, and is prepared under exceptional conditions. All provisions are of highest grade, with daily supplies of milk, bread and meat, while butter, vegetables, etc., arrive two or three times weekly.

Brief morning devotional talks, evening tent or cabin vespers, and Sunday services help to make RELIGION A VITAL ELEMENT IN "LIFE AT HUNUA." Campers are not forced into believing or doing certain things. They are helped to discover for themselves what their own purposes are, and then are guided through experiences that give expression to those purposes. We feel that it is through this self-expression that character grows.



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It is essential that parents register their boys at earliest, as numbers are to be strictly limited to 200 weekly.

Camp fees may be paid at any time, provided total fees are paid before a boy enters camp.

The above fees include Registration fee of 2/6 which is paid on enrolling for camp. Non-members pay an extra 2/6 on enrolling (this is over and above fees as stated).

The camp is open for six weeks as from Saturday, December 18th, and each period commences on a Saturday, except as stated below. All campers travel to Papakura by the 9.48 a.m. train, those under 16 years of age paying 1/- return. Adult fare, 2/-. Each camper pays his own fare. The Camp is open to all boys 10 to 17 years of age, and a boy may attend for a fortnight or longer. Parents may, if desired, extend their boy's period while in Camp.

Note: As the second Saturday falls on Christmas Day, this week will commence on Friday, December 24th; boys will pay 2/6 for extra day.



BASKING IN THE SUNSHINE.

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For further information write Geo. W. Adair, Camp Director, Y.M.C.A., Wellesley Street, Auckland, C.1.

SNOOKER TOURNEY

Another enjoyable snooker tournament was participated in on the evening of August 31st, at the Y.M.C.A., which proved to be a very closely contested affair, the Y.M.C.A. team only winning on points from the Commercial Travellers' Club team. Each side was successful in winning 11 games, the points, 932 to Commercial Travellers' Club, and 1123 to Y.M.C.A., being in favour of Y.M.C.A. Mr. M. Walker, for Y.M.C.A. produced two outstanding performances by beating Mr. M. D. White 70 to 25 and 96 to 14, Mr. M. D. White, however, proving this form to be altogether wrong by beating Mr. P. Walker 72 to 15 later in the evening. The highest score for C.T.C. was 73 to Mr. S. Gyllies, and for Y.M. 96 to Mr. M. Walker. A very close contest resulted between Mr. Watson, C.T.C., and Mr. M. Dyer, the latter winning by five points. Another pleasantly close game was between Mr. McCrystal and Mr. L. Skipworth, the latter winning by only four points. This having proved such a close contest, both sides will be eagerly looking forward, no doubt, to a return match.

"DOUBLE BAULK."

FOOTBALL NOTES

Another season is about ended, and those interested in our Soccer Club will be pleased to know we have had an enjoyable season. No major injuries occurred, the club paid its way, and everyone seems satisfied.

The 2nd grade team just missed promotion to senior status by 3 points, finishing third, one point behind the second team. The third A and B finished approximately second from top and bottom respectively. We have now entered the knock-out competitions, and expect to make a good showing, and next month will see us closing down on this activity.

Indications are very promising for 1938, all our players being of an age to continue for some time, and we have reason to believe there will be an increase in our membership.

Every Saturday our teams can be seen in action on the Domain, and this affords opportunity to those interested to see the club in action.

GYMN. CLASSES

Two hundred and ninety have this year been enrolled in gym. classes. A considerable amount of keenness has been noted with the young men's and business groups. The Saturday morning boys' classes have also been very encouraging. We have been indebted this season to the following leaders who have rendered much self-sacrificing service: Messrs. Cleverley, Rawle, Campbell, Elsbey, McComish, Curtice, Walker, Stevens, Grice, Bowie and Guthrie.

Miss Waterworth's activities as gym. pianist give life and zest to the exercises.

We hope next issue to be able to announce the date of our annual display. The star artists, including the small boys, are already taking matters seriously, and are spending much time in preliminary preparation. Indications are that the show will be held in the gym. for two or three nights towards the end of October.

WRESTLING

The recent championships dalled for activity among our members, but an unfortunate series of accidents made it impossible for four of our last year's champions to compete.

Those who took part were: 1936 Champion Charlie Jones, who again annexed the feather-weight title, and J. Hopa, a new member who reached the final in the middle-weight championship.

Vic. Rawle, the outstanding lightweight in the Dominion was unable to compete owing to a neck injury. Hard luck, Vic. Congratulations Charlie. Well done, Johnny.

BOXING

This is the first season for some time in which a boxing class has functioned satisfactorily in the Y.M.C.A. Under the tuition of Don Cleverley, the well-known cricketer, a fine class has been in session.

The class is composed in the main of beginners, but they make up for that in their enthusiasm for the noble art. It is hoped next year to have entries in the amateur championship.

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PERSONALS

J. McComish.—Congratulations to Jim McComish on securing the prize in the recent photographic competition. His subject was our own physical director, Mr. J. Bonham. A reproduction of the effort is to be found on the cover of this issue of "Manhood."

Frank Paton.—Table tennis enthusiasts congratulate one of our directors, Mr. Frank Paton, on winning the Auckland provincial table tennis championship for the tenth year in succession. We trust that he has success in the contest for the New Zealand title. Stop Press—Jim Swift has beaten Frank to the play-off for New Zealand honours.

Ken Manson.—Congratulations are in order for Ken Manson, Senior Prefect at our Boys' Hostel at Mt. Albert, on being selected as a Secondary School Association football rep. to proceed to Wanganui. All our Hostel boys acquit themselves well at sport, and are getting fine reports in connection with their studies.

BIRTHS

MONAGHAN—To Captain Joe and Mrs. Monaghan—a son.

Every gym. member acquainted with Joe was "tickled to death" on hearing the news, and wish to convey to Mr. and Mrs. Monaghan their heartiest congratulations.

OWEN.—To Jim and Mrs. Owen—a son.

Here's hoping he turns out as popular and as fine an athlete as his father.

A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

Our President, Mr. D. Henry, recently paid an official evening visit to the association. During that evening the gymnasium was used for basketball matches, gym. display practice, and a boxing class. The meeting rooms were all occupied by various committees and groups. The downstairs lounge was being occupied and a fire was glowing in the new fireplace. In the Boys' Division, business boys were in charge of the games rooms and in club groups. In the concert hall 60 young men and women were engaged in a table tennis tournament. The new Y.M.D. lounge was the scene of festivity and supper. The main billiard room was athrong with contesting snooker teams from the Commercial Travellers' Club and the Y.M.C.A., these players later being served with supper in the buffet. Earlier in the day the lecture room was the meeting place for the "Citizens' Intercessory Service," which was led by Rev. A. A. Milne.

Y.M.D. LOUNGE


In an effort to make the buildings as efficient as possible, certain structural alterations have been made which gives: 1, a useful office to the activities secretary; 2, an excellent committee room; 3, a good display for library books; 4, a locker room for the equipment of various clubs; 5, a splendid meeting room for Bible Classes, groups, and clubs; 6, an excellent lounge with an improved fireplace; 7, a unified department in place of a series of unconnected rooms.

DEBATING CLUB

A small group, but keenly interested in their work—debating, impromptu speeches, prepared speeches, these have been the methods of self-expression. Two debates of interest have been "That time-payment systems are conducive to public welfare," and "That war is preventable." The contestants were Messrs. Ashforth, Langdon, Beatson and Naylor, the chairman being Mr. V. T. Drew. It has been found that the style of the majority of our members is thoughtful rather than oratorical, but they enjoy the weekly mental stimulus.

LUNCH HOUR BIBLE STUDY

A keenly interested group of men have met weekly for study under various leaders. The speakers have included Rev. C. Patchett, of the China Inland Mission, Mr. H. S. Conway, and Rev. Walter Barry. On the commencement of the Citizens' Intercessory Service, which is held on Tuesday, the group decided to join in, but so keen is their interest in maintaining the fellowship, that the Lunch Hour Brotherhood decided to alter their day to Wednesday and meet weekly at 1.5 p.m.



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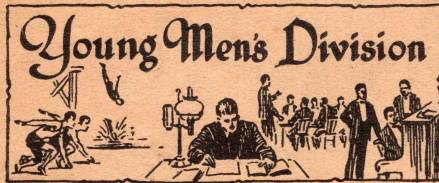
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FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB.

Meeting each Friday evening under the chairmanship of Viv Martini is a Y.M.D. group who, in the early part of the evening use the gym. and the hall for basketball and table tennis. Those who go down to the gym. show some knowledge of the rules, and may be acquiring a certain amount of skill. However, for about an hour, from 7.30, they enjoy themselves in the vigorous exercise it gives, and top it off with a refreshing shower. Playing with too few on each side is warm work, and it is hoped to induce a few more to join in. We are missing Stan, who recently left for Wellington—he was presented with a Service Badge before we said “good-bye.”—But depletion of our strength under these circumstances is unavoidable.

Meanwhile others of the group are playing the more skilful though less vigorous game of table-tennis, probably with a view to improving their places on the ladder. A few, too, are trying to develop skill at billiards, probably having some tournament in sight. Viv. has already decided that one is necessary.

About 8.30 everyone meets for a short reading of a practical nature which may help in understanding the Principles of Life. This is folloyed by by a discussion on a set theme or on some problem or problems which have arisen in adjusting our attitude to life. This is followed by a discussion on a set theme or on some problem or problems which have arisen in adjusting our attitude to life. It is hoped later on to obtain speakers who can give us useful information on everyday affairs or some particular subject of interest.

As several of our “sisters” finish work at nine and must be met, everyone does not stay to the end of the evening to continue table-tennis and billiards. However, there are enough left for some movement to be noticed on the ladder of those who disport themselves at basketball earlier in the evening. The question at present is whether anyone can dislodge Jim Herbert from the top.

—IVAN ASHFORTH, Hon. Secretary.

HOLIDAY VISITS

The staff of the Boys' Division had a busy time over the period of the school holidays in organising “Personally Conducted Tours” to various places of business and manufacture. In all cases the boys showed intelligent interest, and those concerned very courteously went to great pains in explaining the uses of the mechanism which was being viewed. Among the firms visited are the folowing, together with the numbers attending:—

Dearsleys Ltd. and Bridgens' boot factory ..	50
Thompson and Hill's jam factory	50
Otahuhu Railway Workshops	57
Henderson and Pollard's woodwork factory ..	40
“Herald” and “Star”	50
Gas Works	30
Onehunga Woollen Mills	40

These trips were limited to older primary and secondary boys. Other activities include:—

Secondary Schoolboys Basketball Tourney ..	30
Primary Clubs' Inter-club Competition .. .	50
Soccer Tourney	30
Primary Club Picnic at One Tree Hill .. .	70
Aggregate Attendance	460
Different Boys	180

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

This one time well attended gathering has of recent months been a brotherhood rather than a meeting. Attendances have been sparse, and the indications seem to be that it is more difficult to run successfully a meeting for men only than was the case some years ago. One of the pleasing features of our little gathering has, however, been that scarcely a Sunday passes without one or two visitors dropping in to make our acquaintance. They always receive a hearty welcome.



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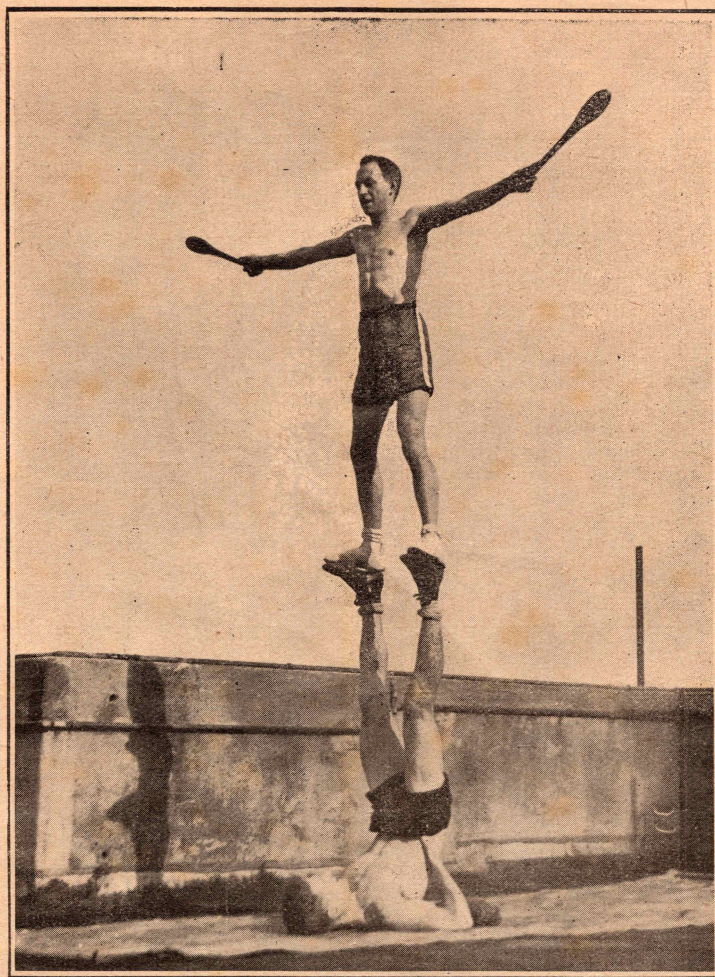
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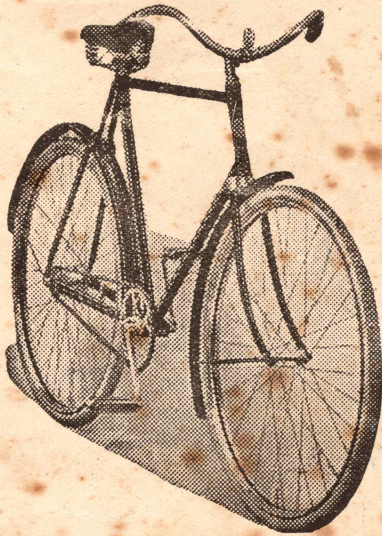
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